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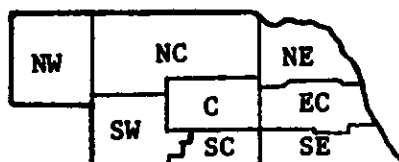
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WEATHER

Mild weather with widespread showers continued throughout the week. Average temperatures ranged from normal to two degrees above normal. Rainfall ranged from a half inch to over one inch.

GENERAL

Row crop planting continued at a steady pace last week in spite of widespread shower activity. By week's end, seeding of Nebraska's corn crop was virtually complete with grain sorghum and soybeans gaining rapidly at 90% planted. High winds experienced during the latter part of the week caused some damage to row crops and wheat. Extent of the damage is unknown at this time but some replanting of corn, dry beans and sunflowers is certain. Other major farm activities included harvesting hay, cultivating corn, and irrigating in some areas to assist emergence and herbicide activation. The number of days suitable for fieldwork was 5.2.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 20% short, 73% adequate and 7% surplus. Subsoil moisture was 12% short, 79% adequate and 9% surplus. Last year, topsoil moisture rated 17% short, 67% adequate and 16% surplus. Subsoil supplies were 2% short, 74% adequate and 24% surplus.

CROPS

Planting of Nebraska's corn crop was virtually completed last week with only a

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few scattered fields remaining to be planted. Last year, 90% was planted at this time and 90% is the 5-year average. Corn emerged equaled 95% compared to 55% last year and 65% average. Damage from cutworms continued to be reported across the State.

Soybean planting was 90% complete, compared to 40% last year and 50% average. Emergence moved ahead to 60%, compared to 15% last year and 25% average. Bean leaf beetles continued to cause concern to soybean growers with treatment in some fields underway.

Sorghum planting reached 90% compared to 40% a year ago and 50% average. Sorghum emerged equaled 60% compared to 6% last year and 20% average.

Winter wheat condition rated 13% fair, 85% good and 2% excellent. Widespread rains, especially in western Nebraska and the Panhandle, account for the improvement in condition from a week ago. Heading of the crop advanced to 95% compared to 20% last year and 60% average. Wheat turning color approached 5% compared to 0% last year and 1% average.

The first cutting of alfalfa reached 55% complete compared to 9% last year and 20% average. Both alfalfa and wild hay were reported in mostly good condition.

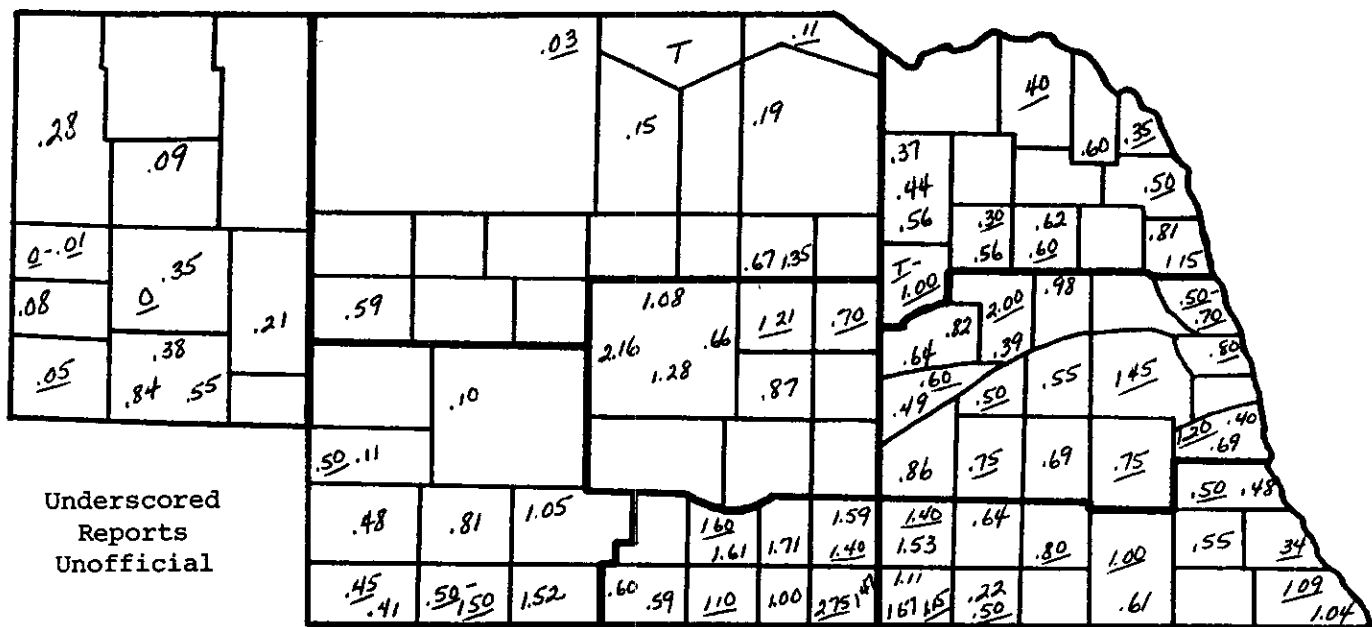
LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition rated 3% short, 93% adequate and 4% surplus. Recent rains have boosted pasture growth.

Precipitation, April 1 - May 31, 1985

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week.....	.35	.44	.64	1.21	.65	.64	1.22	.87
Total since April 1.....	3.78	6.14	9.42	8.18	8.69	5.64	9.30	7.10
Normal since April 1.....	4.87	5.28	6.24	5.74	6.48	4.97	5.82	6.79

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1985



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 1985

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	90	40	62	--	.55
	Scottsbluff	89	40	62	0	.41
	Sidney	85	42	62	--	.62
NC	Ord	85	45	65	--	1.25
	Valentine	88	41	64	+2	.21
NE	Norfolk	85	44	66	0	.60
	Sioux City	85	47	67	+1	.20
CEN	Grand Island	85	50	68	+2	.88
EC	Lincoln	86	49	68	+1	.39
	Omaha	83	47	67	0	.82
SW	Imperial	85	48	65	--	.19
	North Platte	82	40	63	0	.17

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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